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C O N F I D E N T I A L ASUNCION 3433

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: SNAR, CARR, CASD, PA  
SUBJECT: W/W ARREST: INTERIOR MINISTER SAYS PRISONERS WILL NOT  
BE RETURNED TO BOLIVIA

1. THREE AMERICANS DETAINED AT POLICE COMMISSARY FOR JUST OVER  
24 HOURS HAVE NOW BEEN HANDED OVER TO JUDICIAL AUTHORITY AND  
TRANSFERRED TO TACUMBU PRISON. CHIEF INSPECTOR CALEANO TOLD  
U.S. CONSUL AND DCM THAT PARAGUAYAN LAW REQUIRED THAT CHARGE BE  
MADE WITHIN 24 HOURS OF ARREST AND THAT HE HAD DELAYED TRANSFER  
TO ALLOW EMBASSY TIME TO ARRANGE INFORMAL METHOD FOR RELEASING  
DETAINEES. ACCORDING TO GALEANO, INTERPOL AGREEMENTS PROVIDE FOR  
DETENTION NO MORE THAN 30 DAYS IN RESPONSE TO REQUEST BY OTHER  
MEMBER STATE PENDING FORMAL EXTRADITION.

2. INTERIRO MINISTER MONTANARO RETURNED AMBASSADOR'S CALL LATE  
AFTERNOON OF AUGUST 21 AND SAID LACK OF EXTRADITION TREATY WITH  
BOLIVIA MEANT GOP WOULD RELEASE PRISONERS AT EXPIRATION OF 30- DAYS  
INTERPOL LIMIT. HE ALSO SAID THERE WERE TWO WAYS TO REDUCE TIME  
PRISONERS WOULD SPEND IN TACUMBU PRISON. FIRST, BY  
USG CONVINCING BOLIVIAN GOVERNMENT THAT SINCE NO AVENUE  
FOR EXTRADITION EXISTS, IT SHOULD WITHDRAW REQUEST  
FOR PARAGUAY TO KEEP PRISONERS UNDER 30-DAY DETENTION.  
SECOND AVENUE IS FOR AMEMBASSY ASUNCION TO CONVINCE FOREIGN  
MINISTER NOGUES TO SEND A NOTE TO MONTANARO SAYING GOP HAS  
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NO INTEREST IN KEEPING PRISONERS IN JAIL FOR FULL PERIOD  
PERMITTED AND THEY SHOULD BE RELEASED FOR RETURN TO THE U.S.  
AMBASSADOR ASKED MONTANRO FOR ASSURANCE THAT GOP WOULD NOT CONSIDER  
INFORMAL ARRANGEMENT TO HAND OVER PRISONERS TO BOLIVIAN AUTHORITIES.  
HE GUARANTEED THE AMBASSADOR THEY WOULD NOT BE INFORMALLY  
DEPORTED.

3. AMBASSADOR INTENDS TO SEE NOGUES TOMORROW MORNING TO PURSUE  
SECOND COURSE OF ACTION. AMBASSADOR BOEKER, WHO HAS  
PROBABLY ALREADY SPOKEN WITH BOLIVIAN AUTHORITIES, IS  
BEST JUDGE OF THEIR LIKELY REACTION TO FIRST OPTION PROPOSED BY  
MONTANARO.  
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